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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 September 2017 requesting the following information in relation to the RAF Survival Equipment Fitter trade:

- 1. The percentage chance of reaching further service in the trade of SE Fitt for an SAC with 10 years and 11 years and 12 years service.*
- 2. The percentage chance of reaching further service in the trade of SE Fitt for a Cpl with 11 years and 12 years and 13 years service.*
- 3. The percentage chance of promotion to further ranks and the average length of service on promotion to these ranks.*
- 4. The average length of service in this trade (I think that this is referred to as Return of Service).*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you have requested can be found in the Adobe (.pdf) file attached to the email.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing defstrat-stat-air@mod.uk

Career Projections for personnel in the Survival Equipment Fitter trade.

LoS ¹	% chance of an SAC reaching LoS having already served ...			LoS ¹	% chance of a Cpl reaching LoS having already served ...		
	10 years	11 years	12 years		11 years	12 years	13 years
10	100%			10			
11	95%	100%		11	100%		
12	62%	58%	100%	12	93%	100%	
13	54%	49%	79%	13	88%	94%	100%
14	51%	47%	78%	14	82%	88%	94%
15	44%	38%	55%	15	80%	85%	91%
16	43%	37%	54%	16	78%	84%	89%
17	41%	36%	52%	17	75%	80%	85%
18	38%	33%	49%	18	69%	74%	78%
19	32%	26%	32%	19	66%	70%	74%
20	32%	26%	32%	20	66%	70%	74%
21	32%	26%	32%	21	66%	70%	74%
22	13%	10%	12%	22	28%	29%	30%
23	10%	8%	9%	23	22%	23%	23%
24	10%	7%	9%	24	21%	21%	21%
25	9%	7%	8%	25	20%	20%	20%
26	9%	7%	8%	26	20%	20%	20%
27	9%	7%	8%	27	19%	19%	19%
28	8%	6%	7%	28	18%	18%	18%
29	8%	6%	7%	29	17%	17%	17%
30	6%	5%	5%	30	13%	13%	13%
31	5%	4%	4%	31	10%	10%	10%
32	5%	3%	4%	32	10%	10%	10%
33	5%	3%	4%	33	10%	10%	10%
34	4%	3%	4%	34	9%	9%	9%
35	3%	3%	3%	35	7%	7%	7%
36	3%	3%	3%	36	7%	7%	7%
37	3%	3%	3%	37	7%	7%	7%
38	1%	1%	1%	38	2%	2%	2%
39	0%	0%	0%	39	0%	0%	0%
40	0%	0%	0%	40	0%	0%	0%

	% chance of a New Entrant being promoted to subsequent ranks	Average <i>total</i> length of service on promotion
AC/LAC		
SAC	92%	1 years 5 months
CPL	51%	8 years 5 months
SGT	17%	16 years 1 month
FS	6%	24 years 0 months
WO	4%	30 years 6 months

Average return of service²:

15 years 5 months

¹ LoS x' means 'LoS greater than or equal to x but less than x+1'. So 'LoS21', for example, is the chance of personnel serving more than or equal to 21 years but less than 22 years.

² Average Returns of Service considers the trade as a whole and are not specific to rank or LoS. It refers to the average length of service on exit.

Notes:

- These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2010/11 – 2016/17. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics average career projections have been calculated.
- Defence Statistics' career forecasts are not based on the actual experience of any one individual, but rather are based on the historical behaviour of individuals with similar characteristics.